staff productivity, asset utilisation,inventory management, fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc. are being implemented. In earnings, healthy growth is expected from the improved economic scenario and aggressive marketing with improved freight services and commercial incentives. Non-traditional sources of revenue such as utilisation of right of way for laying of Optic Fibre Cable, commercial utilisation of land and air space, advertising rights at stations and on rolling stock etc. are also expected to contribute to improvement in the Operating Ratio. Besides, all efforts are being made to curb leakage of revenue and pilferages.

Railway Projects in Maharashtra

4375. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway projects submitted by the Maharashtra Government during the last three years and the estimated cost thereof;

(b) the details of action taken by Union Government thereon;

(c) the details of progress made on ongoing projects in terms of targets set; and

(d) the details of action plan/new projects proposed during 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Railway overbridges in Tamil Nadu

4376. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for construction of rail overbridges at various stations/railway crossings in Tamil Nadu Division of Southern Railway, pending as on December, 1999;

(b) the present status of these proposals;

(c) how long they are pending; and

(d) the total number of accidents which occurred at spots where these bridges are not constructed ?